fit. When I see the doughty champions of the Sirkar Vakil's views— the Official Members— pledged to vote with him on all questions, arrayed against me on the other side, and when I reflect that the opinion of Government will settle the issue in this Council, I am induced to make a request to you, Sir, to deal with this Bill in the same manner in which the Government dealt with the Christian Succession Bill. Government were good enough to allow latitude of action to the Official Members in the case of the Christian Bill. I wish that the same be done in this case also. I am sure there is not so much diversity of opinion regarding this Bill as there was about the Christian Bill. It is then all the more reason why Government should permit Official Members to vote as they like as this is also a piece of social legislation over which Government have no particular interest. The Additional Head Sirkar Vakil has now for a long time monopolised all legislative activity in this Council. I now find that he has usurped the function of opposing all non-official Bills irrespective of valid reasons. Sir, as long as the constitution of this Council remains what it is, non-official Bills have no chance of being passed into law except when the Government are good enough to pass them. It is now over 25 years since this Council was inaugurated but unfortunately there has hitherto been no instance of Non-official Members having been able to sway the decision of this Body, and if, on a subject of this nature, the united force of non-official opinion be so lightly disregarded, I do not know why we should be here at all. I therefore appeal to you, Sir, not to interpose the decision of Government before the Official Members are given freedom to give their own opinion on this important question. In this connection, I beg to express my thanks to my Non-official colleagues who have supported me."

President:—

"Before I take the sense of the Council on this measure, I may say one or two words. Mr. Subba Aiyar has given, in my opinion, very good reasons for rejecting this measure. As he said, hardly five years have elapsed since the time when the Nair Regulation became law. At that time, in deference to the unanimous opposition of the Non-official Members of the Council, the Government rejected the provisions relating to partition. The question is, as Mr. Subba Aiyar said, whether there has been unanimous opinion, or even a large volume of public opinion, in favour of partition, since the time when the Nair Regulation was passed. Mr. Subba Aiyar has shown that there has not been a large volume of opinion in favour of it. We have not had enough of time to watch the operation of the existing Regulation. In these circumstances, I do not think that the Government would be justified in accepting this measure. I shall now take the sense of the Council on the Bill by putting the motion to the vote."

Mr. Velu Pillai's motion was lost.

THE CATTLE TRESPASS REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar presented the report of the Select Committee on the Cattle Trespass Regulation Amendment Bill, and said as follows:—

"Sir, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Cattle Trespass Regulation Amendment Bill. It is not three weeks since the report of the Select Committee and the Bill as modified by them were published in the Gazette. Nor has the Malayalam translation of the Bill as amended appeared in the Gazette in time. The Select Committee made only a very slight modification by adding a few words to Section 11. I therefore beg to move that Rule 46 be suspended and that the Bill be taken up for consideration".

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Aiyar.

Carried.

The consideration of the Bill being over, Mr. Subba Aiyer moved that the Bill be read again on a future day of which notice should be given.

Seconded by Mr. Mahadeva Aiyar.

Carried.

THE PRESS REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar moved that the Press Regulation Amendment Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Aiyar.

Mr. Rarameswaran Pillai:—

"I oppose the passing of this Bill."

Mr. Subba Aiyar.

"I do not think that there is any provision in the Regulation or the Rules which permits a motion of this kind being made at this stage of the Bill."

Messrs. Velu Pillai, Govinda Menon and Subrahmanya Pillai said that they were not for finally passing the Bill.

Mr. Subba Aiyar's motion was put to the vote and was carried by a majority.

The Council adjourned at 1-45 P. M.

M. KRISHNAN NAIR,
President.

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